Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Estimated number of powerlooms closed		
		1999	2000	2001
1.	Punjab	138	329	655
2.	Maharashtra	25387	34859	16380
3.	Tamil Nadu	6360	3152	9097

Major reasons of closure of powerloom units at any point include financial difficulties, power supply, lack of demand, lack of raw material, labour problem etc.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Achievements of CIL

4383. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state what are the Coal India Limited's achievements with respect to the targets fixed in terms of net profit, coal production, off take, productivity and capacity augmentation, during the last three years till date (year-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): The achievements of Coal India Limited (CIL) with respect to the targets fixed in terms of coal production, off take, productivity, capacity and net profit for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as follows :—

Item	Target/Actual	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Coal Production (in million tonnes)	Target	259.10	267.00	279.00
	Actual	260.57	268.13	279.66
Off take (in million tonnes)	Target	260.65	268.50	280.50
	Actual	263.39	273.81	282.20
Productivity (output Per man shift)	Target	2.04	2.25	2.33
	Actual	2.10	2.30	2.44

Capacity (million tonnes)	As on 1st April	297.74	313.02	312.44
Profit/Loss (Rs. Crs.)	Actual	(+)693.87	(–)1414.47	(+)1400*

*This is a provisional figure. Firm figure will be available only after the accounts of CIL and its subsidiaries are audited and adopted in the Annual General Meeting.

Infrastructural status on coal sector

4384. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was ever considered to award infrastructural status on coal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if not the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) In October, 1998, a proposal was mooted by the then Ministry of Coal for grant of infrastructure status to coal industry and extending similar concessions as were already extended to infrastructure industries in the ports, telecommunications, roads and power sectors. However the proposal did not find acceptance with the Government.

Survey regarding effect of coal mines dust on human health

4385. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) recently conducted a survey of certain areas surrounding the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra State to investigate effect of coal mines dust on human health;

(b) if so, the finding thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken in case it is harmful to health?